

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. (The legislative vehicle entitled, "Jobs for Main Street Act".)

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S717-755

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3028-3037, S.J. Res. 28, and S. Res. 421. **Pages S742-43**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan.

S. Res. 414, expressing the Sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti. **Page S740**

Measures Passed:

Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 3961, to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 until February 28, 2011, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S736-37**

Reid Amendment No. 3331, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 3332, to amend the title. **Page S737**

National Guard Youth Challenge Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Guard Youth Challenge Day". **Page S753**

House Messages:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with Reid Amendment No. 3310 (to the House

amendment to the Senate amendment), in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S718-25**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 3311 (to Amendment No. 3310), to change the enactment date. **Page S725**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 24), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3310 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment), in the nature of a substitute. The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained. **Pages S724-25**

United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1299, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, taking action of the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S725-32**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S726**

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3326 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S726**

Reid Amendment No. 3327 (to Amendment No. 3326), of a perfecting nature. **Page S726**

Reid motion to refer in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3328, to provide for a study. **Page S726**

Reid Amendment No. 3329 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3328) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Page S726**

Reid Amendment No. 3330 (to Amendment No. 3329), of a perfecting nature. **Page S726**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, February, 26, 2010. **Page S726**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 25, 2010. **Page S753**

Appointments:

National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Executive Order No. 13531, the appointment of the following to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: Senators Durbin, Baucus, and Conrad. **Page S753**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

William Joseph Martinez, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Gary Scott Feinerman, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Sharon Johnson Coleman, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Laura E. Duffy, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for a term of four years.

Alicia Anne Garrido Limtiaco, of Guam, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

John B. Stevens, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

John Dale Foster, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Gary Michael Gaskins, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Paul Ward, of North Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Deborah Loewenberg Ball, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Eduardo M. Ochoa, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Margaret R. McLeod, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Bridget Terry Long, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Stephen T. Ayers, of Maryland, to be Architect of the Capitol for the term of ten years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, and Foreign Service. **Pages S753–55**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—25) **Pages S724–25, S725**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S753.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of State and foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

COUNTERINSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine contracting in a counterinsurgency, focusing on an examination of Blackwater-Paravant contract and the need for oversight, after receiving testimony from Steven M. Ograyensek, Contracting Officer, and James T. Blake, Program Executive Officer and Head of Contracting Activity, both of the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation, U.S. Army, and Colonel Bradley V. Wakefield, USA, (Ret.), former Chief of Training and Education, Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan, all of the Department of Defense; John R. Walker, former Program Manager, Paravant, Gilbert, Arizona; Brian C. McCracken, Raytheon Technical Services Company, Washington, D.C.; and Fred Roitz, Xe Services LLC, Moyack, North Carolina.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) fiscal year 2011 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Miles O'Brien, "This Week in Space", New York, New York; Robert Gibson, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Michael J. Snyder, Friendswood, Texas; and A. Thomas Young, Onancock, Virginia.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

LAKE TAHOE BASIN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee with the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a joint hearing to examine S. 2724, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Cantwell, Reid and Ensign; Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Harris Sherman, Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Patrick Wright, California Tahoe Conservancy, South Lake Tahoe; David D. Dicks, Puget Sound Partnership, Olympia, Washington; Alexander B. Grannis, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, and John R. Tauzel, New York Farm Bureau, both of Albany; Debrah Marriott, Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership, Portland, Oregon; and David Naftzger, Council of Great Lakes Governors, and David A. Ullrich, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, both of Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 414, expressing the Sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti;

S. 2961, to provide debt relief to Haiti;

S. Res. 400, urging the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to address instability in Yemen, with amendments;

S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan; and

The nominations of Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of